

**REMARKS**

**Amendment to the Claims**

Claims 1-14 and 17-19 have been canceled, Claims 15 and 16 have been amended and new Claims 20-33 have been added. Support for the amendment to Claims 15 and 16 can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 14-22, page 27, line 19 to page 28, line 6 and page 43, lines 9-17.

Support for new Claims 20, 21, 27 and 28 is found, for example, at page 30, lines 20-26 and page 43, lines 15-24.

Support for new Claims 22 and 29 is found, for example, at page 43, lines 24-25.

Support for new Claims 23 and 30 is found, for example, at page 6, lines 12-22.

Support for new Claims 24 and 31 is found, for example, at page 30, lines 20-21.

Support for new Claims 25, 26, 32 and 33 is found, for example, at page 34, lines 8-17.

The amendments to the claims and the new claims are supported by the subject application as originally filed. Therefore, this Amendment adds no new matter.

**Reply to Restriction Requirement**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2006, the claims of Group V (Claims 15-16), defined by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of treating a condition in a patient characterized by activation of an inflammatory cytokine cascade comprising administering a polypeptide comprising an HMGB A box that specifically binds to an HMGB B box, are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

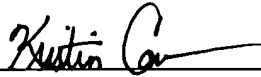
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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes,  
Applicant hereby elects HMG1L1 A box as the species of HMGB A box polypeptide. Claims  
readable on the elected species are Claims 15, 16 and new Claims 20-33.

Respectfully submitted,

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